

## RAC Operation Guideline

### DSHS, OEMS/TS Web Site & Resources

One of the Office of EMS/Trauma System Coordination Group's primary responsibilities is to assist regional advisory councils in their progress toward meeting the multiple goals of trauma system development, management and care.

As such, technical assistance is provided in many venues, some using telecommunication strategies and frequently on-site in the regions. Though the former is more frequent, the latter is an option. Another option is meeting in Austin at DSHS, Office of EMS/TS Coordination Group.

All RACs have the option and are encouraged to avail themselves to the technical assistance DSHS, OEMS/TS has available. The primary areas of focus are:

- Contracts and Funding
- Designation: Facility and RAC
- Compliance: RAC governance documents

Additionally, OEMS/TS Coordination Group conducts annual technical assist reviews, as well as specific purpose visits to review records, processes and procedures. These types of reviews can be requested by a RAC or conducted at the discretion of DSHS, OEMS/TS Coordination Group.

Stakeholders are a critical part of a RAC as an organization and interface between stakeholders is highly encouraged. DSHS, OEMS/TS Coordination Group encourages a RAC to seek interpretation on compliance related issues to ensure misinterpretations are eliminated or at least held to a minimum.

Contact information for technical assistance: (512) 834-6700

Contracts (911/1131, 3588, Tobacco):	Funding Specialist
RAC Operations:	EMS/Trauma System Specialist
Trauma Designation:	Designation Coordinator
Dispro/Uncompensated Trauma:	EMS/Trauma System Manager
Extraordinary Emergency Fund:	Funding Specialist
Local Project Grants:	Funding Specialist

Department of State Health Services, EMS/Trauma Systems website  
(<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/emstraumasystems/etrauma.shtml>) provides links to the following:

#### **Trauma System Development**

- Office of EMS/Trauma Systems Group: The mission of OEMS/TS is to work with emergency health care providers by providing technical assistance relating to local project grants, and EMS/Trauma Systems
- Programs:
  - EMS/Trauma Systems Funding. These programs work to fund EMS agencies, hospitals, RAC's and other association agencies with monies funded through grants
  - EMS/Trauma Systems: These programs work with hospitals and RACs to develop trauma facility designation, protocols, policies and to designate trauma facilities and trauma systems in the state.

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- Trauma System History: Provides a brief overview of the development of trauma systems in the state.
- EMS/Trauma System Funding Sources
  - Local Projects Grants
  - FYXX EMS Provider Funding Data: Provides current information on EMS providers as well as link to Affidavit for Reporting Emergency Healthcare Runs
  - ECA Training Funding: a.k.a. ECAT Grant, a link for application for ECA Training Grant funds targeting rural/frontier and underserved counties throughout the state to enhance certification/training of ECA
- Trauma System Rules: Provides links to adopted EMS and Trauma Rules
- Governor's EMS & Trauma Advisory Council (GETAC): Provides links to GETAC committee members, task forces, meeting documents, meeting notifications, pending and past meeting minutes, procedural rules, and strategic planning documents.
- Trauma File Library: Provides links to:
  - DSHS documents (Regulatory Philosophy);
  - EMS Certification/Licensure Forms;
  - EMS Provider Compliance Guidelines;
  - EMS Education Materials;
  - Helpful EMS Materials;
  - EMS and Trauma Systems Email List Servers; Local Project Grants;
  - Regional Advisory Council Development;
  - EMS/Trauma Care System Accounts;
  - Trauma Facility Designation;
  - EMS Open Records;
- Texas EMS/Trauma Registry

#### **Trauma Facility Designation**

- List of Facilities by Designation Level
- Maps of trauma designation levels, facilities and trauma service areas
- Forms & Documents for Trauma Designation

#### **Regional Advisory Councils (RAC)**

- List of Chairs and Contacts
- Maps of Trauma Service Areas
- Links to RAC Web Sites

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- RAC Chairs Meeting Documents

**Injury Prevention:** Provides links and resources to injury prevention education, government (Texas and national); health and medicine; statutes and rules; emergency health care; public safety; safety and prevention as well as regional advisory councils and email list servers.